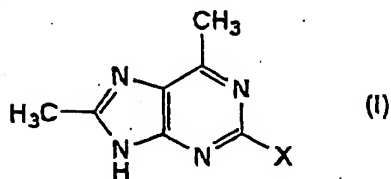


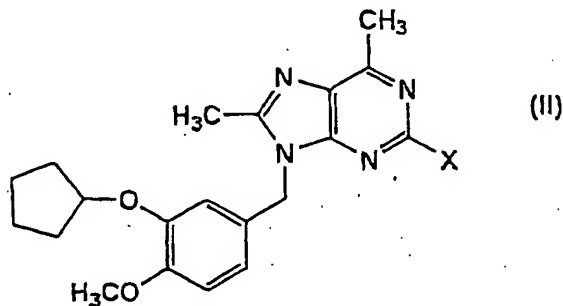
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by the following general formula (I), or a salt thereof:



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by  $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$ ,  $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$  or  $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$ , wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

2. A compound represented by the following general formula (II), or a salt thereof:



where X is a group represented by  $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,

-OSO<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-B, -OCO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-B or -OPO(OR)-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-B, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

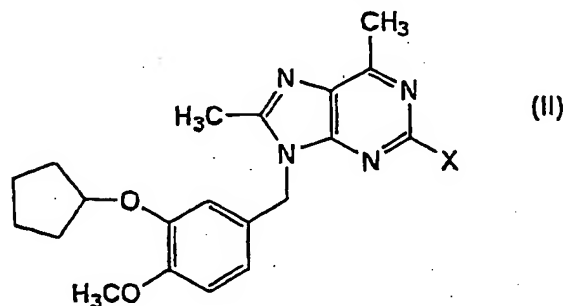
3. A method of producing  
4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-  
dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, comprising using  
a compound according to Claim 1 or its salt as an intermediate.

4. A method of producing  
4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-  
dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, comprising using  
a compound according to Claim 2 or its salt as an intermediate.

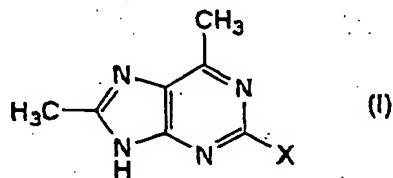
5. 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-  
dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, which is produced  
by the method of claim 3.

6. 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-  
dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, which is produced  
by the method of claim 4.

7. A method for producing a compound represented by the following general formula (II) or a salt thereof, comprising reacting a compound represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof and a compound represented by the following general formula (VI) or a salt thereof:

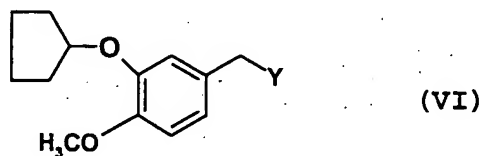


where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by  $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$ ,  $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$  or  $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$ , wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by  $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$ ,  $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$  or  $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$ , wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group

or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where Y is a halogen atom or a group represented by  $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$ ,  $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$  or  $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$ , wherein m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.